Albany Oct. 25. 1854.

My dear Sir,

The history of Dr. Humphrey's letter is this. He was quite willing to communicate to me what he knew concerning your father but it was irksome to him to write, and I proposed to relieve him from the labour of writing by drawing from him in conversation all his more important recollections, and then throwing them into the form of a letter, to be submitted to him for his revision and correction. This I accordingly did, and sent him the letter and received it afterwards, with a few corrections. But he had inadvertently omitted to put his name to it. and I immediately sent it back, asking for his signature. I feel quite sure that I have not received it and suspect that it is still lying in his study. I have just written him a note of inquiry concerning it, and shall probably hear from him in a day or two. If I receive it, I shall of course forward it to you immediately. If I do *not* receive it, I can recall the more important things which it contained, and will let you have the best version of it that I can. I have myself a general impression of your father's appearance and manner, but have no recollections of him which are not brought out with much more definiteness in Dr H's communication.

The sketches in my work will probably average from six to eight pages, octavo, small pica, leaded; but many of them will be much shorter, and many considerably longer. Make yours as long or as short as may best suit your convenience.

With great regard,
very sincerely yours,

W B Sprague.

Rev. Dr Robinson.

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Rev. Dr. Sprague
Oct. 25. 1854